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Mr. John Oyler Horsehead Resource Development Co. 4th and Franklin Sts. Palmerton, Pennsylvania 18071

Dear Mr. Oyler,

In response to your question as to the effective date of the Amendment to the Administrative Order, I refer you to Section XVI Effective Date and Subsequent Modification. This section of the original Order states that " amendments shall be in writing and shall have as the effective date, that date on which such amendments are signed by EPA".

Accordingly, the effective date of the Amendment is December 13, 1991, the date it was signed by EPA. The Order requires that the Work Plan be submitted to EPA within 60 days after the effective date. Therefore, the Work Plan must be submitted by February 11, 1992.

If you should have any questions, please give me a call at (215) 597-3923.

Sincerely,

Anthony F. Koller, P.E. Remedial Project Manager